

News Release for July 6th, 2012

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MAINEDOT TO START ANNUAL ROADSIDE BRUSH-CONTROL PROGRAM

The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) will begin its annual brush-control program along Maine's highways starting as soon as Monday, July 9th. 4 regions in the state will conduct brush control spraying on selected state roads in their regions. Moosmann says "we are targeting young trees, hardwoods six feet or smaller and softwoods three feet or smaller to control them before they become a problem." Trees left to grow, quickly reduce visibility obscuring signs, traffic signals, and other structures. Trees limit sight distance at curves, entrances, and hills resulting in reduced safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and children at bus stops, for example. Reduced visibility decreases driver reaction time increasing the risk of accidents. Moosmann states, "By integrating the use of herbicides with techniques like mowing or hand brush removal we can reduce herbicide use and maintain our roads to acceptable safety standards." In 2012 MaineDOT will spray approximately 2,860 miles of state maintained roads in 298 towns, townships, and unorganized territories. For landowners and municipalities that may object to the use of herbicides, MaineDOT provides No-Spray Agreements. Participants

agree to remove brush in safety clear zones adjacent to their properties in lieu of herbicide treatments.

For more information about the spray program, or to request a No-Spray Agreement contact your local MaineDOT Region Office:

Region 1 (Scarborough) - P.O. Box 358; Scarborough, 04070-0358 885-7000

Region 2 (Augusta) - 45 Commerce Drive; SHS #98; Augusta 04333-0098 624-8200

Region 3 (Dixfield) - P.O. Box 817; Dixfield, 04224 562-4228

Region 4 (Bangor) - P.O. Box 1208, 219 Hogan Road; Bangor, 04401-1208 941-4500

Region 5 (Presque Isle) - P.O. Box 1178, Rice Street; Presque Isle, 04769 764-2060

To obtain further information on schedules for your community, please contact your MaineDOT

Region Office. To locate your Region Office, log on at www.mainedot.gov, or call MaineDOT

headquarters at 207-624-3000. Technical information is also available from the MaineDOT

Bureau of Maintenance and Operations in Augusta by calling 624-3600.

(Editors: A list of towns to be sprayed in 2010 is below for your reference.)

Region 2 (Mid Coast Region)

Androscoggin County – Greene, Leeds, Wales

Kennebec County – Albion, Augusta, Benton, Chelsea, Clinton, Farmingdale, Fayette, Gardiner, Hallowell, Litchfield, Manchester, Monmouth, Oakland, Pittston, Randolph, Readfield, Unity Twp, Vienna, Wayne, West Gardiner, Windsor, Winthrop

Knox County – Cushing, Friendship, Hope, Rockland, Rockport, Saint George, South Thomaston, Thomaston, Union, Warren, Washington

Lincoln County – Alna, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Dresden,

Edgecomb, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Somerville, South Bristol, Waldoboro, Westport Island, Whitefield, Wiscasset

Waldo County – Belfast, Brooks, Freedom, Knox, Unity, Waldo

Sagadahoc – Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Richmond, Topsham, Woolwich

Region 3 (Western Region)

Androscoggin County - Livermore Falls, Livermore, Turner

Franklin County - Alder Stream Twp, Avon, Carrabassett Valley, Carthage, Chain of Ponds Twp, Chesterville, Coburn Gore, Coplin Plt, Dallas Plt, Eustis, Farmington, Freeman Twp, Industry, Jay, Jim Pond Twp, Kingfield, Lang Twp, Madrid Twp, New Sharon, New Vineyard, Perkins Twp, Phillips, Rangeley, Rangeley Plt, Salem Twp, Sandy River Plt, Strong, Temple, Township D, Township E, Washington Twp, Weld, Wilton, Wyman Twp

Kennebec County - Vienna, Fayette

Oxford County - Adamstown Twp, Albany Twp, Andover, Bethel, Buckfield, Byron, Canton, Dixfield, Gilead, Grafton Twp, Greenwood, Hanover, Hartford, Hebron, Lincoln Plt, Lower Cupsuptic Twp, Magalloway Plt, Mexico, Milton Twp, Newry, Norway, Paris, Peru, Roxbury, Rumford, Sumner, Upton, Waterford, West Paris, Woodstock

Piscataquis County - Beaver Cove, Big Moose Twp, Cove Point Twp, Frenchtown Twp, Greenville, Kingsbury Plt, Lily Bay Twp, Moosehead Junction Twp, Shirley, T1 R13 WELS, Wellington

Somerset County - Anson, Athens, Bingham, Brighton Plt, Cambridge, Canaan, Caratunk, Concord Twp, Cornville, Dennistown Plt, Embden, Harmony, Hartland, Highland Plt, Jackman, Johnson Mountain Twp, Lexington Twp, Long Pond Twp, Madison, Mayfield Twp, Mercer, Misery Gore Twp, Moose River, Moscow, New Portland, Norridgewock, Parlin Pond Twp, Ripley, Rockwood Strip T1 R1 NBKP, Saint Albans, Sandwich Academy Grant Twp, Sandy Bay Twp, Sapling Twp, Skowhegan, Smithfield, Solon, Starks, Taunton & Raynham Academy Grant, The Forks Plt, West Forks Plt

Region 4 (Eastern Region)

Hancock County – Amherst, Aurora, Blue Hill, Bucksport, Dedham, Eastbrook, Ellsworth, Fletchers Landing Twp, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Mariaville, Orland, Osborn, Otis, Sullivan, Surry, T10 SD, T22 MD, T28 MD, T7 SD, T9 SD, Waltham

Penobscot County – Burlington, Clifton, Eddington, Enfield, Greenbush, Holden, Lincoln, Lowell, Mattamiscontis Twp, Passadumkeag

Washington County – Alexander, Baileyville, Baring Plt, Beddington, Berry Twp, Cathance Twp, Charlotte, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Cooper, Crawford, Day Block Twp, Dennysville, Devereaux Twp, East Machias, Edmunds Twp, Harrington, Indian Twp Res, Jonesboro, Marion Twp, Marshfield, Meddybemps, Milbridge, Northfield, Pembroke, Perry, Princeton, Robbinston, Steuben, T24 MD BPP, T26 ED BPP, T30 MD BPP, Wesley, Whiting, Whitneyville

Region 5 (Northern Region)

Aroostook County – Allagash, Ashland, Blaine, Bridgewater, Caribou, Castle Hill, Caswell, Chapman, Connor Twp, Cross Lake Twp, Cyr Plt, Eagle Lake, Easton, Fort Fairfield, Fort Kent, Frenchville, Garfield, Plt, Grand Isle, Hamlin, Limestone, Madawaska, Madawaska Lake Twp, Mapleton, Mars Hill, Masardis, Monticello, Nashville Plt, New Canada, New Sweden, Perham, Portage Lake, Presque Isle, Saint Agatha, Saint Francis, Saint John Plt, Stockholm, T11 R4 WELS, T14 R6 WELS, T15 R6 WELS, T17 R4 WELS, Van Buren, Wade, Wallagrass, Washburn, Westfield, Westmanland, Winterville Plt, Woodland